GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3607
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CARRYING OF SNAKE IN FLIGHT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a passenger had travelled in a flight recently with a live snake from Goa to Chennai;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the steps being taken to avoid such incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a); Yes, Sir.

(b): Shri Hagime Chadda holding ticket No.2262171841 dated10.02.2003 travelled Goa-Chennai by flight IC-576 dated 08.03.2003. En-route he asked for milk from the Airhostess, who got suspicious. She found that the passenger took out a small bag/box from his hand bag and started feeding a snake carried by him. The airhostess informed the Commander who offloaded the passenger at Kochi. It was reported that the passenger was booked under the `Prevention of Cruelty to Animal Act` at Kochi.

(c): Director General of Civil Aviation has issued detailed guidelines indicating `Conditions for Carriage of Animals in Aircraft` under rule 24-C of Aircraft Rules, 1937.